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1. Through the constant mention in newspapers and radio broadcasts of peace and through its support of peace movements, the Soviet Government is nevertheless conditioning its people for war. The Soviet press reports that the United States is building air and naval bases throughout the world, which fact the Americans do not conceal. When maps of the world are published regularly showing the locations of these bases around the periphery of the Soviet Union, it naturally suggests to the Soviet people that the United States is preparing for an aggressive war against the USSR. Since the common people have no opportunity to discover that these are defensive measures made necessary because of Soviet actions, Soviet propaganda is effective and firmly established.
2. It should be noted that anti-Soviet activities among the nationalities are continuously decreasing. This does not mean that the sentiment of the people has radically changed, but rather that those who remember life before the Soviets have grown older and died, leaving a younger generation which does not know the meaning of nationalism and which is taught daily that there has always been friendship between the minorities and the Great Russians. 25X1
3. If the Western Powers really want to destroy Communism, now is the time to act. The instability within the ruling circles of the Government and the disorganization of the MVD, of which the people are fully aware, create an opportunity which may never exist again. As far as the satellites are concerned, Communism could be ended in Poland and Czechoslovakia immediately if the Western Powers should enter. The Czechs, as a whole, get along well with the Great Russians, but 90 percent

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4. Agricultural policies, particularly collectivization, have been a failure in the minds of the people, largely because of incompetence on the part of the leaders since Lenin. The people tend to believe that Lenin took the right road and that, if he had lived, he would have found a way out of the present predicament.

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